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Dear Allyson,

Please accept this support letter of the Squaxin Island Tribe's nomination for the "State of Washington Historic Preservation Officer's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Historic Preservation".

It is a great honor we support the tribe's nomination of the Cultural Resources Consultants Inc.

Hired by the property owner Cultural Resources Consultants Inc. was tasked with the management and removal of the Oakland Cemetery. At the same time the Squaxin Island Tribe's Cultural Resources Department was managing the Slocum Cemetery which was approximately fifty feet away. This project was unique because the excavation permit from your office was one permit yet two separate archaeology teams removing and re-intering two separate historic cemeteries.

CR Consultants did not hesitate to follow the tribe's spiritual/cultural protocol. This project took over 9 months, during that time both teams worked side by side within their respective areas. Trust was built and many times the teams would assist at the other cemetery.

Cultural Resources Consultants Inc. proved to be an exceptional company with high professional standards. Many times they did not hesitate when the tribal team needed help, including when our archaeologist was called away to jury duty for two weeks. They were always dependable and always demonstrated strong field skills. Most importantly the tribal team has stated many times, "we couldn't have done it without them".

Sincerely,

Brian Cladoosby, President ATNI